A.—The Hon'ble T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) (i) It is a major tank.

(ii) Four hundred and twenty-four acres, assessment Rs. 6 per acre.

(*b*) The tank filled six times and discharged five times during the last twenty years.

It is reported that the Pahanis for the period previous to 1937-38 are not available.

The extent of land under Paddy, Wheat and Garlic since 1937-38 is given below :—

Years.	Paddy.		Wheat.		Garlic.	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
1937-38 ...	151	29	32	30	122	24
1938-39 ...	134	06	66	38	52	27
1939-40 ...	127	25	77	27	4	07
1940-41 ...	121	29	38	13	100	10
1941-42 ...	131	23	...		58	06
1942-43 ...	143	22	124	37	11	17
1943-44 ...	143	04	190	04	5	28
1944-45 ...	170	23	35	19	48	34
1945-46 ...	148	08	58	21	30	11
1946-47 ...	145	33	48	30	36	31
1947-48 ...	136	34	64	38	52	21
1948-49 ...	162	03	41	34	92	04
1949-50 ...	166	26	28	25	21	13
1950-51 ...	168	18	31	08	50	06

(*c*) As parts of the atchkat under this tank are interchangeable either with Madag or Ayyanakere, it was thought advisable to pool up both systems to secure proper economy of water and release the Madag tank of part of its atchkat. Releasing of the Chickpatnagere tank from Madag system and taking it over to Ayyanakere system is one of these measures. It was not considered likely that the supplies due to the Chickpatnagere tank would any way be affected as there is always a good amount of water in Veda valley.

(*d*) The atchkat under Madag tank does not admit of any additional area being added to it again.

Alleged arrangement to sell Road Transport Services.

Q.—5. Sri K. MUDIAPPA (Chikmagalur District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is true that arrangements are being made of late to sell away Road Transport services ;

(*b*) the names of those from whom tenders have been received and the amounts offered by them with dates ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*) above.

Expenditure by Municipalities for Trapping Monkeys.

Q.—6. Lokasevaniratha M. HANUMANTHIAH (Bangalore District—Depressed Class.)—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

The expenditure incurred by each municipality in the State for trapping monkeys and removing them out to avoid the nuisance caused by them ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—Information cannot be furnished as it is not clear for what year or period the information is required.

Statistics of Food production since 1947.

Q.—9. Sri H. M. MALLIKARJUNAPPA (Chikmagalur District—General),—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps that have been taken to step up food production in the State since 1947 ;

(*b*) the amount spent for Grow More Food campaign since 1947 up to the end of Noveber 1950 ;

(*c*) whether the food production has increased year after year or decreased ; if increased, the quantity of food grains that has increased since 1947 up to the end of June 1950 ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister)—(*a*) A note regarding steps taken to increase food production is placed on the table*. A three-year plan to Grow More Food was drawn up with a view to make the State self-sufficient regarding food

*Copy placed in the Assembly Library.